# Utah Department of Transportation Traffic Management Division

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## Mission of the **Traffic Management Division**

- •To Support UDOT and the Department of Public Safety to Achieve Zero Fatalities.
- •To Help Provide Reliable and Efficient Travel Throughout Utah.
- •To Provide Useful and Timely Real-time Traffic Information.
- •To Work Together with Other Government Agencies to Serve the Public.
- •To Provide Excellent Customer Service.

## **Traffic Operations Center**



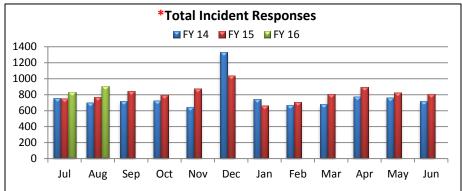
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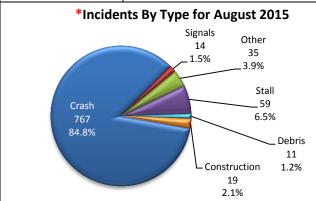
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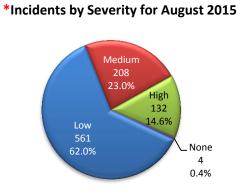
## **Operations Summary**

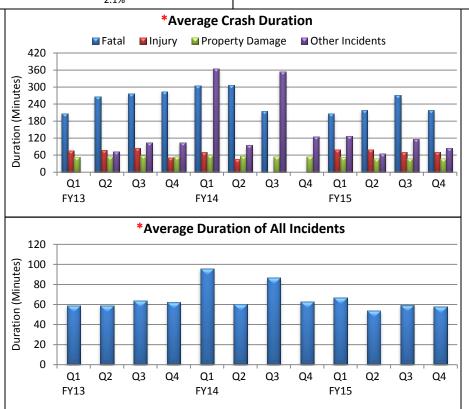
VMS Messages Displayed	84,041
Signal Timing Work Orders	28
Signal Maintenance Work Orders	171
All New Work Orders	438
Work Orders Closed During the Month	403
Incident Responses by the TOC	905
Incident Duration Average Minutes	58
IMT Assists	2,318
Website Visitor Sessions	141,873
511 Calls	13,439
Weather Desk Calls	350
Ask Commuterlink Questions	129
Average Speed AM Peak (07:00-08:00)	68.61
Average Speed PM Peak (17:00-18:00)	61.85
Incidents Using Signal Timing Assistance	190
UDOT Traffic Followers and Re-tweets	382,263
UDOT Traffic App Total Downloads	3,375

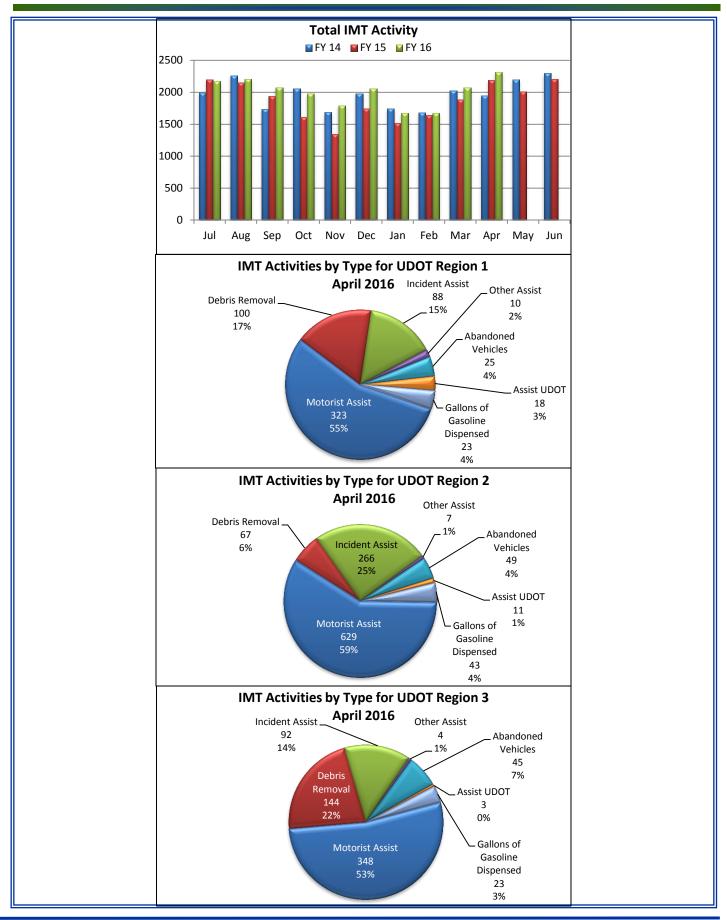
An incident response occurs each time an incident is recorded in the ATMS system. These can be of several types, including crash, construction, debris, stall, congestion, or other. Crashes are separated into three subcategories: property damage, personal injury, and fatal. Each time an incident is created, information is sent to the 511 system, the website, and to the public through email alerts. An incident remains active until it has been completely cleared from the roadway.









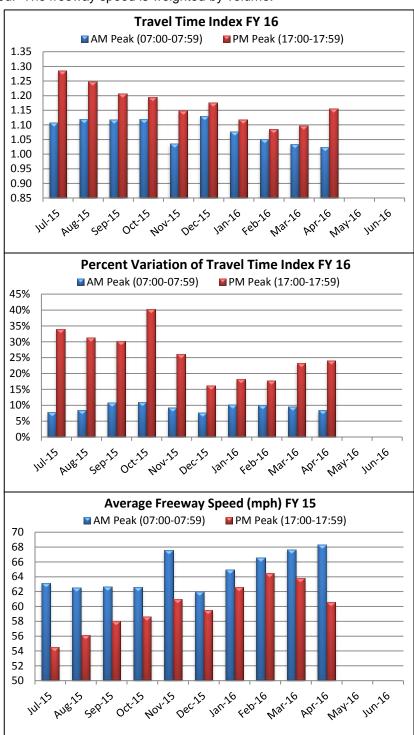


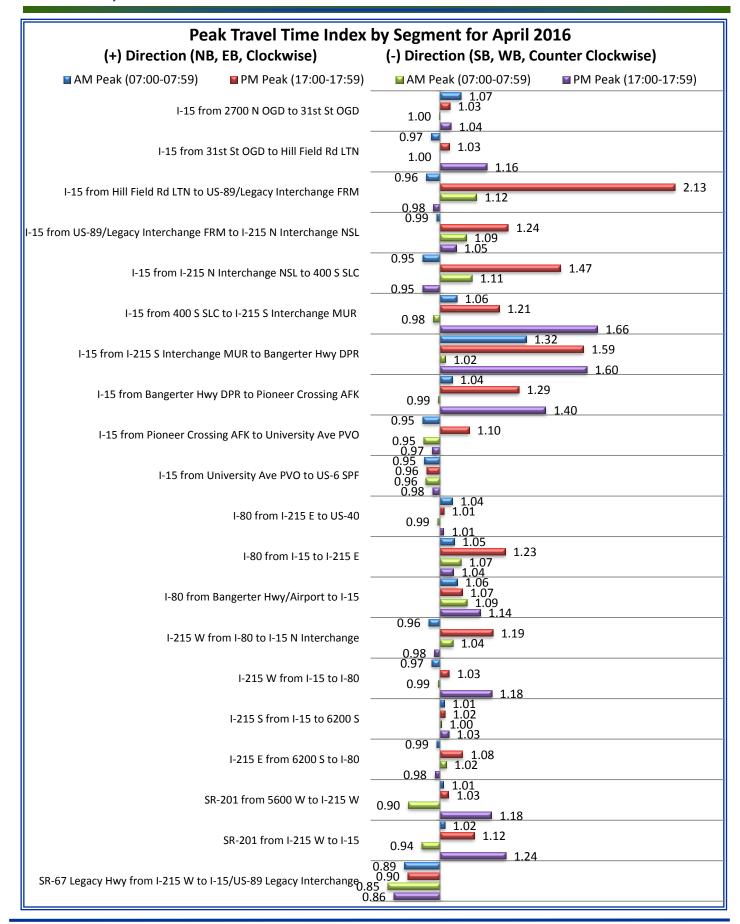
Freeway flow measures are taken from the Traffic Monitoring Stations (TMS) located throughout the Wasatch Front. As more TMS sites are installed throughout the state, they will be included in these performance measures.

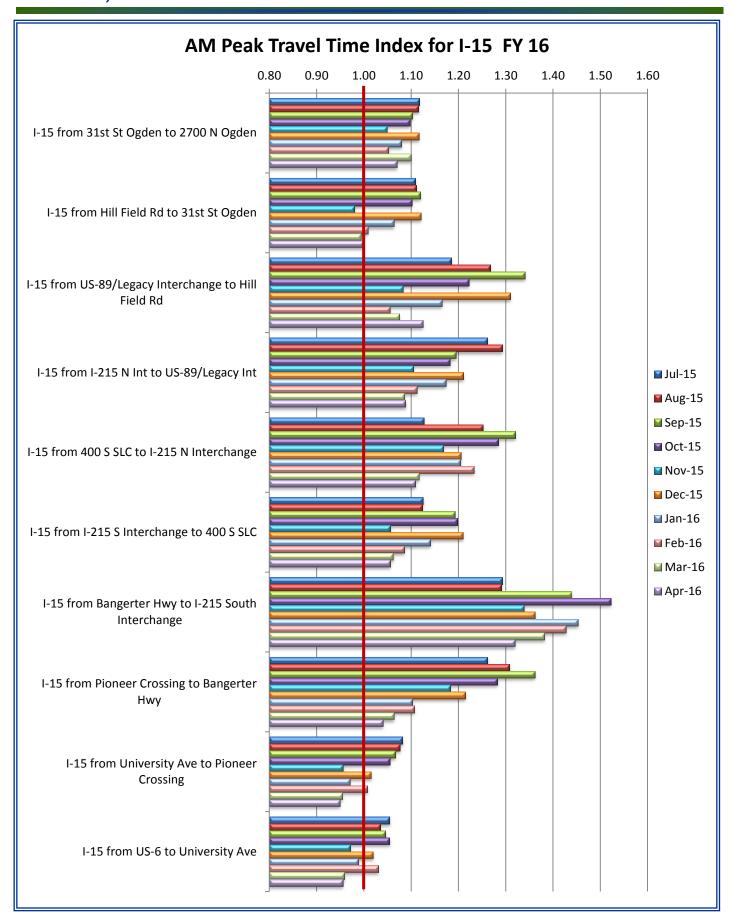
Travel Time Index: This measure of mobility is based on freeway speeds and is weighted by segment lengths and by the traffic volume. A value of 1.0 represents free-flow speeds. A value of 1.12 indicates that the average vehicle trip takes 12% longer than if that were the only vehicle on the freeway.

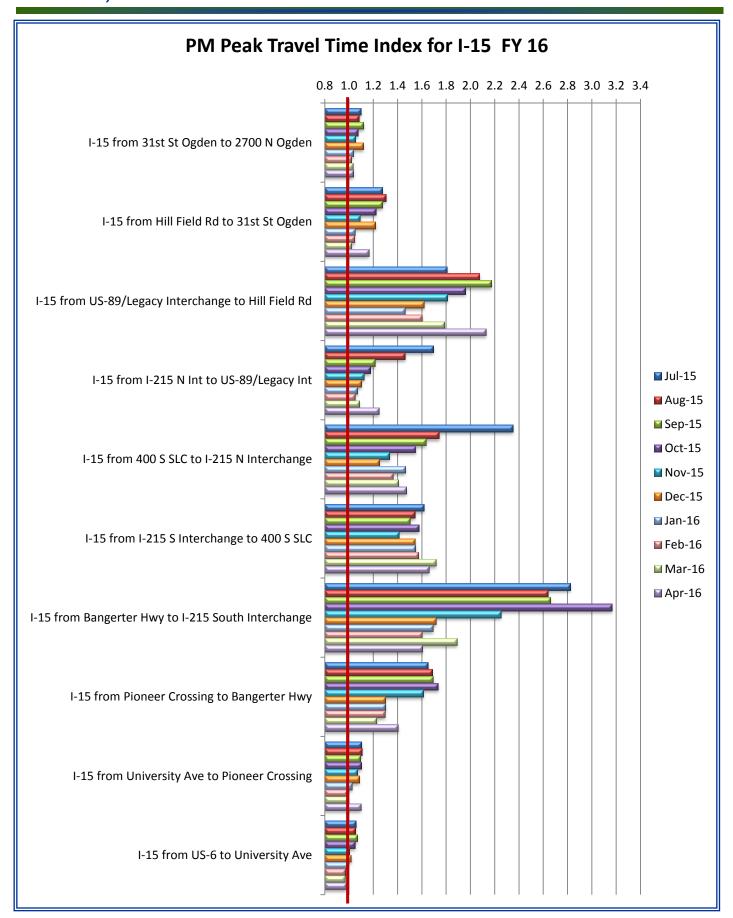
Percent Variation of Travel Time Index: The percent variation in the Travel Time Index is a measure of how much the Travel Time Index changes from day-to-day.

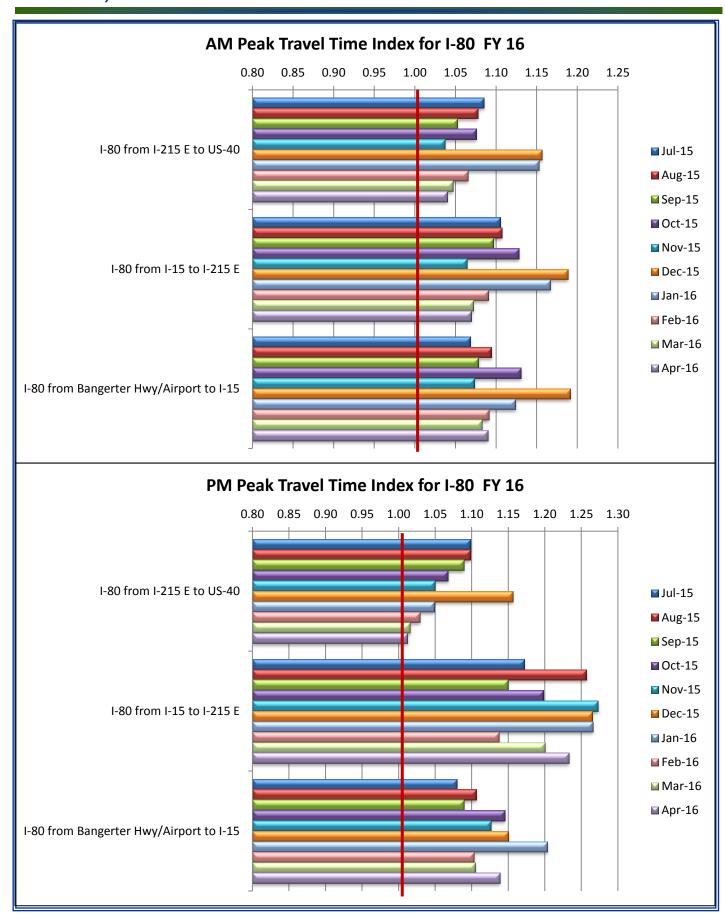
Average Freeway Speed: The freeway speed is weighted by volume.

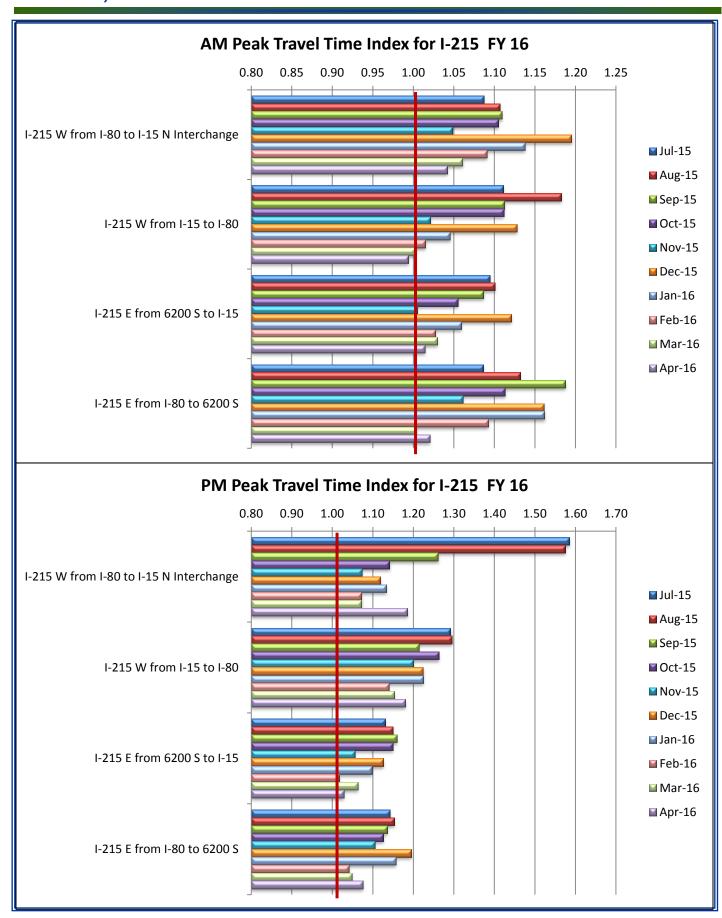


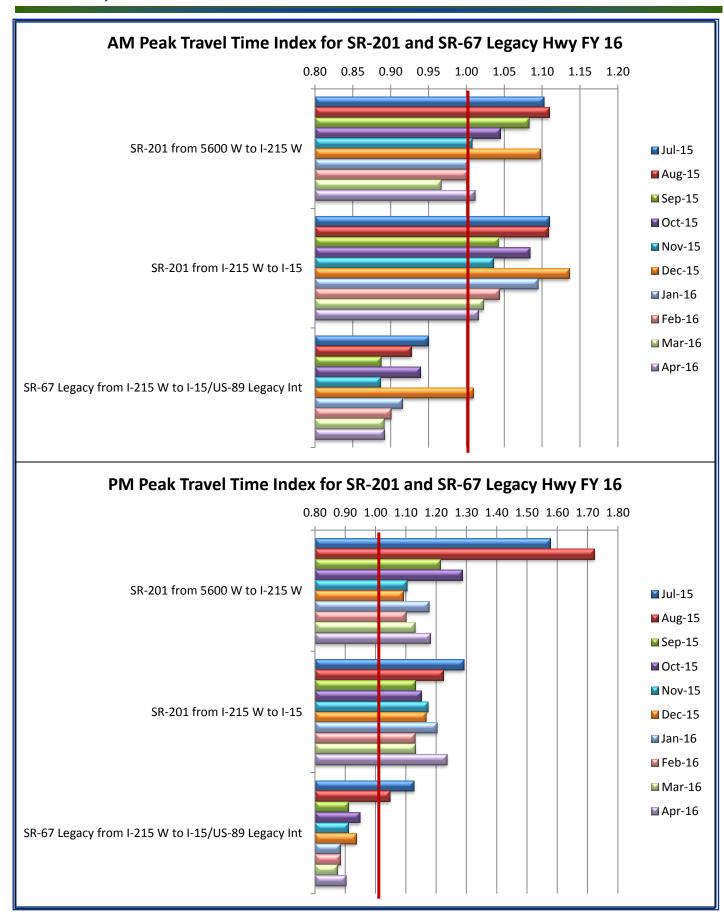




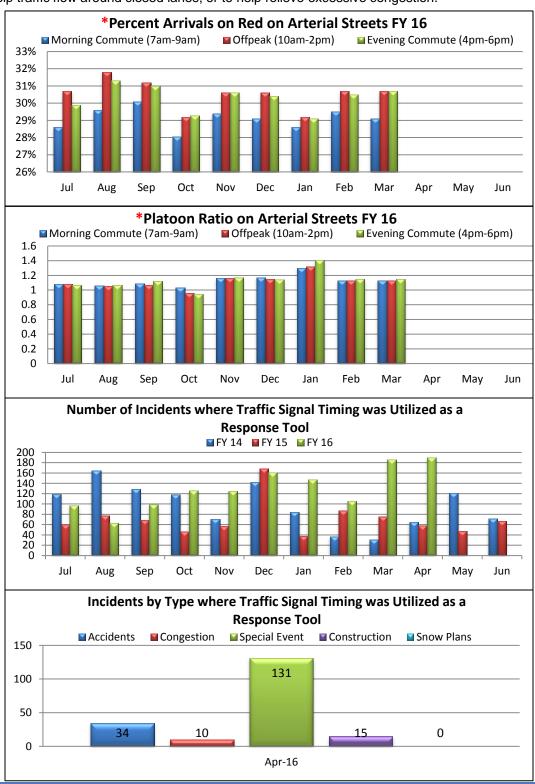


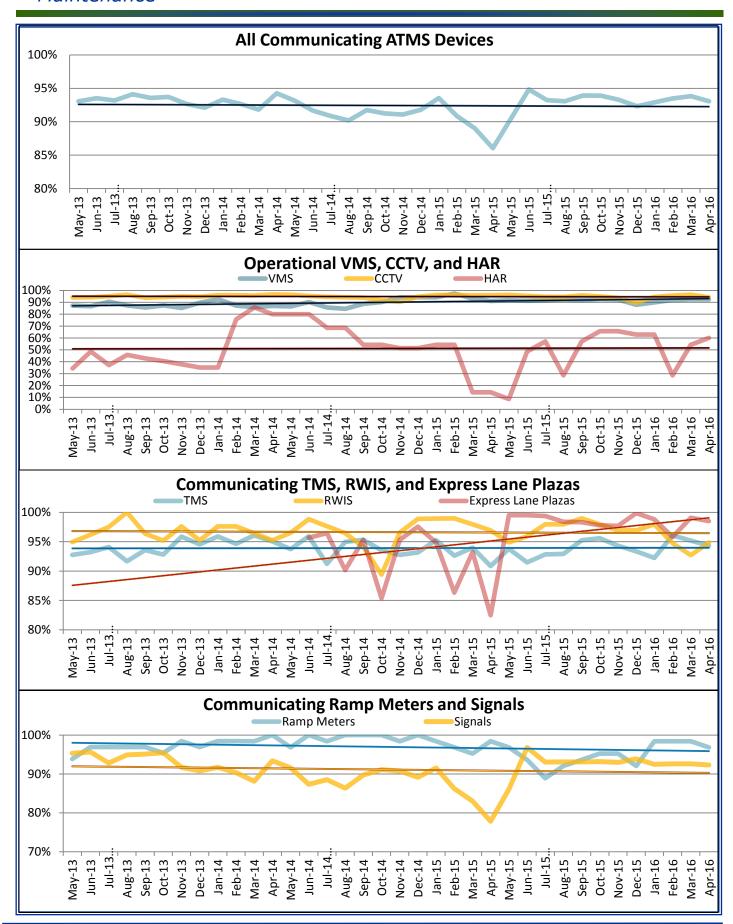


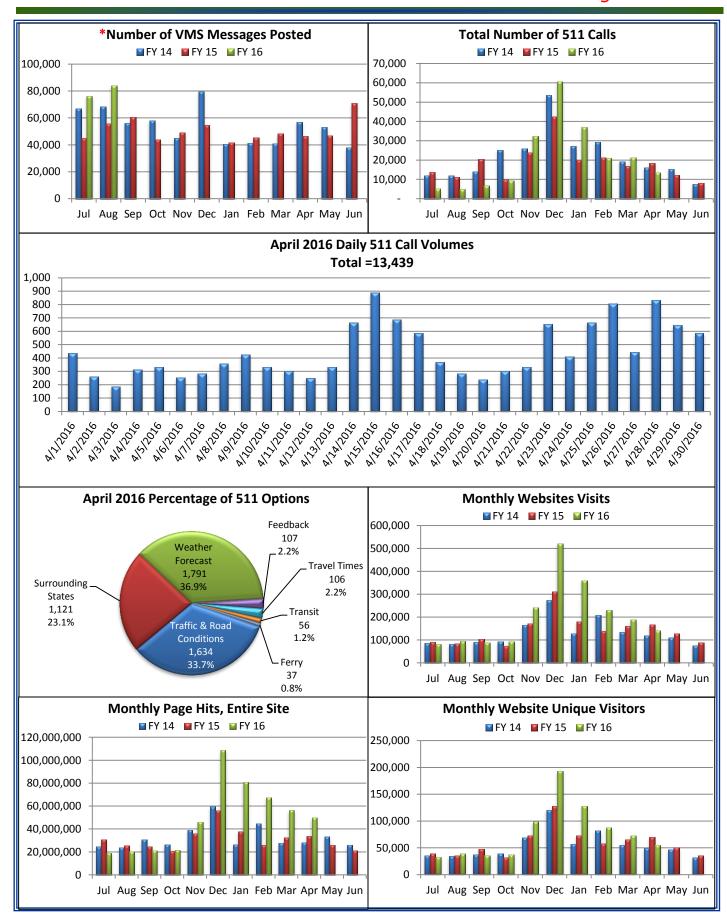


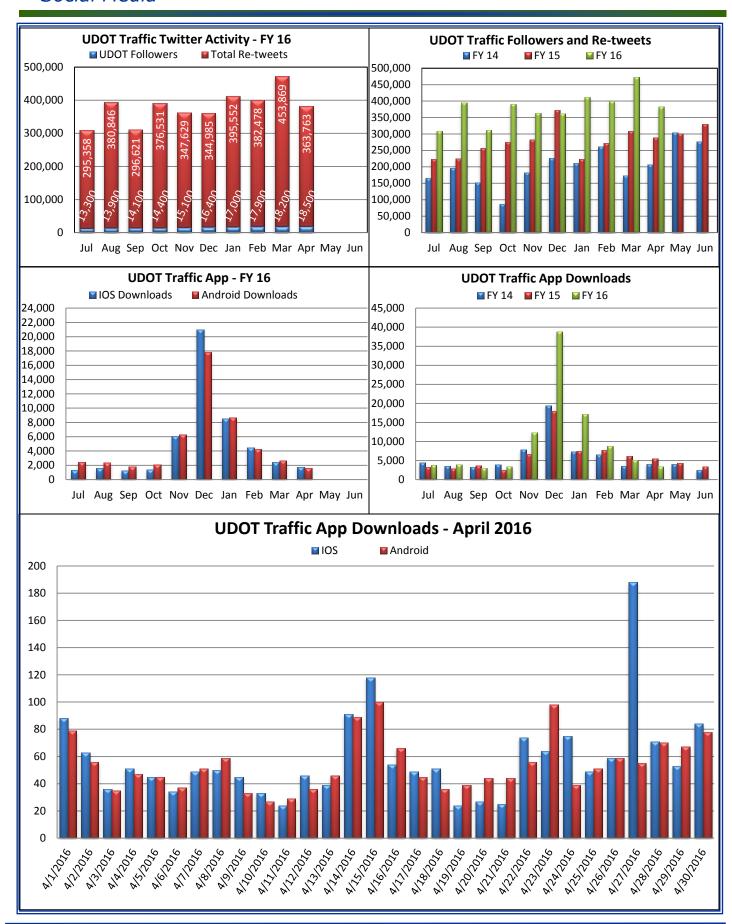


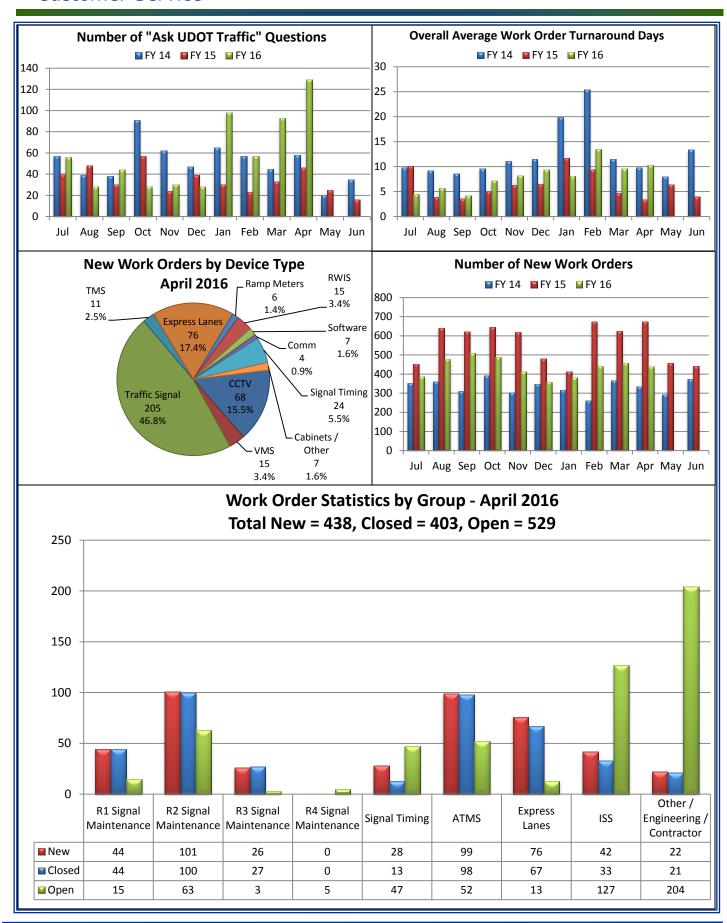
The percent arrival on red along the arterial statistics are generated automatically through the automated traffic signal performance measures, which show real-time and historical functionality at signalized intersections. The system automatically time-stamps when each vehicle arrives at the intersection and then compares the detection time-stamp if the phase was green or red. The percent arrival on red data is averaged over the 24 hours of the day and days in the month. The lower charts shows the number of incidents where traffic signal timing was modified in order to help traffic flow around closed lanes, or to help relieve excessive congestion.













#### **CONTROL ROOM**

The Control Room Operators managed 1173 incidents and handled 1239 phone calls, in addition to common daily tasks of posting VMS messages, emergency alerts, 511 messages, monitoring events, adjusting signal timing plans and registering work orders for ATMS maintenance. Message Monday's and other PSA messages were active throughout the month; and air quality alerts were posted several days. TOCL was activated six times in the month of April for various incidents.

The Wasatch Front experienced a high wind event toward the end of the month that resulted in closing I-15, high vehicle restrictions in Davis and Box Elder counties, and multiple crashes in the impacted areas. The Control Room, with the Weather Group, supported the Regions and UHP by using all communication tools to distribute traveler information to the public and media.

John Leonard was recently named TOC Operations Engineer, replacing Glenn Blackwelder who has moved to UDOT Traffic and Safety. Nathan Harward has joined the Control Room as an operator.

#### TRAVELER INFORMATION

The Traveler Information Team represented UDOT at the Government Social Media conference and continued filming and coordinating the new TOC introduction video.





#### WEATHER INFORMATION

The Weather Group had 267 overall weather interactions, 81 outgoing weather alerts, eight NWS collaborations, and twelve road weather alerts.

#### **CLIMATOLOGY**

Overall, Utah statewide generally observed normal to above normal temperatures, particularly in northwest Utah, and normal to above normal precipitation. The state saw multiple low-pressure systems leading to decent rainfall for the month, but otherwise insignificant road weather, with the exception of a down slope wind event in Davis County at the end of the month. The strongest wind gust during this event occurred at the newly installed RWIS at US-89 along the Northbound off-ramp to Park Lane, which measured 91 miles per hour Saturday morning, April 30th.

### **WEATHER OPERATIONS**

There were several tours through the TOC Weather Room in April. Employees from shed 2430 (Salt Lake Central) and 2434 (Parley's) stopped by to see what the Weather Group does. Lastly, students from UVU also toured through the TOC.

The Weather Group attended several conferences in April, including the Aurora Program, Standing International Road Weather Commission's biennial conference, and TRB International Conference and Workshop on Winter Maintenance and Surface Transportation Weather. The group presented alongside the National Weather Service at the Weather Summit for Northern Utah.

The Park Lane RWIS was added to the system, and the Beaver Ridge RWIS was returned to service after lengthy construction in the area caused it to be temporarily removed.

#### TRAFFIC OPERATIONS AND REPORTING

#### Involvement includes:

- The Governor's performance metric.
- Managed Motorways project.
- Pleasant Grove Blvd. access request.
- ❖ I-215/SR-201 interchange analysis.
- ❖ I-15, 9000 S to I-215 weave analysis.
- Moab Main Street analysis.
- Congestion Reporting.
- ❖ I-80/I-215/Foothill interchange analysis.
- ❖ 7200 South, 700 W to I-15 analysis.
- Zero Fatalities Summit.
- Provo/Orem BRT.
- ❖ 4700 South/2700 West analysis/design.
- Ogden-WSU transit.
- Bangerter Interchanges.
- ❖ I-80/State EIS.
- Performance Plans.
- Lehi Main Street access request.
- ❖ I-15 SB lane widening.
- University Parkway interchange modeling.
- US-6 corridor analysis.
- Geneva Road/Vineyard/Lakeview study.
- BYU VISSIM files for access management study.

#### ITS ASSET MANAGEMENT

ITS Asset Management Team integrated three new TMS, an RWIS, a freeway VMS, nine signals, and removed a CCTV from service. The team also worked on a draft 20 year device replacement plan, provided suggestions to the AIMS inventory management team, and modified truck prohibited sign mounting details.







#### TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATIONS

Region 2 added new radar detection to four intersections on 4500 and 4700 South between I-15, 280 East and I-215 West. Finished adding radar detection on multiple intersections in Tooele on SR-36 from Vine St. to 2400 North and worked with South Jordan Police to add blue "tattle-tale lights" at Mountain View Corridor and Daybreak Parkway to monitor red-light running.

Region 3 rebuilt the traffic signal and added flashing yellow arrow signals at US-6 and Center Street in Spanish Fork for the roadway and bridge deck widening project. Replaced the knocked down pedestrian pole on 2230 North and University Ave. Installed Eastbound left turn phasing at 1300 West and State Street in Pleasant Grove. Installed an additional type I head at 1400 North and 1750 West in Springville. Relamped nine signals with 15 year LED modules. Installed new signal cabinets at 800 South and State Street, 400 South & State Street, Center & State Street, and 1200 North and State Street in Orem. Upgraded the cabinet at 100 South and Main Street in Heber. The team also adjusted signal timing and detection for construction projects in Provo, Saratoga Springs, and Spanish Fork.

Region 4 installed generator transfer switches at several cabinets in Cedar City, replaced conduit that had washed away near Cove Fort for the freeway street lighting system. Changed MMUs in Kanab, St. George, Hurricane, LaVerkin, and Santa Clara. Upgraded the cabinet at I-15 and Dixie Dr. in St. George. Installed a crosswalk switch in LaVerkin to increase pedestrian walk time during school crossing times, and updated several reduced speed school zone signs.



#### ATMS MAINTENANCE

#### **Field Team**

The Field Team conducted two LFOTs on SR-36 at 1000 North and SR-6 at Center Street in Spanish Fork. Began replacing a knocked down pole mounted surface street travel time sign at University Parkway at 500 West in Provo. Updated the spreadsheet inventory for upcoming preventative maintenance inspections, and closed 81 work orders.

#### Lab Team

The Lab Team tested and repaired 20 devices. Tested and delivered eight signal cabinets, out-loaded a VMS for the I-70 Salina project, and retrieved the mobile VMS from Little Cottonwood Canyon, where it had been used over the winter for avalanche warnings. Performed 12 TMS preventative maintenance inspections and closed nine work orders.

### **Express Lanes Team**

The Express Lanes Team closed 76 work orders, rebooted four VTMS, 14 lane controllers, three lasers and three readers. Repaired and configured eight lane controllers, replaced one laser; and conducted 12 cabinet preventative maintenance inspections. The team, with the Region Traffic Engineer and UHP, performed a rolling lane closure along I-15 to complete 31 additional preventative maintenance inspections. With Lab Team assistance, three readers were reset, two sets of Sensys pucks were replaced and calibrated, a Si head realigned, and four digital relays were installed.

- Statewide Signal Interconnect: PineTop Engineering has been working on the design for this to advertise.
- ❖ SR-193 and Greyhawk: Under construction.
- ❖ SR-232 Hillfield Rd. Interchange: Preliminary work has begun.



- ❖ 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington: Under construction.
- ❖ SR-126 & 1300 N: Under construction.
- ❖ I-15; SR-30 to the Idaho State line: This project has been designed by PineTop Engineering and is ready to advertise. This project needs major funding for ATMS. This project may be part of a partnership with a telecom.
- **Layton Interchange:** This project is in design.
- ❖ SR-127 & 3000 W: Under construction.
- Logan Main Street Fiber Interconnect: This project has been completed. Integration to the UDOT network has also been completed.
- ❖ US-89; SR-193 to Cornia Drive: This project is complete.
- ❖ US-89; Antelope Drive Extension: This project is under construction.
- ❖ Logan CCTV's: This project has been completed and the 30 day burn in is underway.

- ❖ SR-201 New Cameras at I-215 W: Construction was underway on the two new Cameras along SR-201 on each side of the I-215 West Bridge. The cameras should be online later in May or early June. These cameras help cover a gap in the camera views to see traffic problems in the interchange ramp system.
- Managed Motorway Detection TIRTL Device Testing: We are working with a specialty vendor and Transcore to identify sections of the freeway system to test the TIRTL device. This detector brings the level of accuracy needed to support the managed motorway system. We will initially test the device for 30 days this summer and we are preparing a temporary power supply to support the test site on I-15 at 9600 South in Sandy.



- ❖ SR-92 CCTV/Hybrid VMS (12641): Having scheduling problems getting a WTO executed to repair wind storm damaged so we can restart the 30 day burn-in.
- ❖ Region 3 traffic signal connections (12774): Established WTO to connect three signals; SR-198 @ Woodland Hills + CCTV, SR-198 @ 400 North, and SR-198 @ Main St + CCTV in Salem via wireless radio connection.
- ❖ US-40 CCTV/Signal connections (12805): STRATA installed connection electronics to eight signals in the basin area. Hub equipment installation in the downtown Kearns building complete to connect STRATA network to Utah Traffic network. Vernal Hub equipment installation scheduled in May.
- ❖ Provo Canyon RWIS/VMS (11410): 30 day burn-in complete. RWIS installations still pending.
- US-189; State Park to Rock Cut passing Lanes (11415): Project under construction.
- ❖ Fiber connection to three Maintenance Sheds (13681): Completed inspection and training.
- ❖ Spanish Fork; SR-156; 300 South to M.P. 2 (9976): City decided to add a waterline installation change order. ATMS installation anticipated in May.
- Provo; SR-256; 800 East to Univ. Ave BRT (10266): ATMS design of micro fiber and two CCTV's ongoing.
- ❖ Spanish Fork; Canyon Rd @ 2550 E Signal (10960): Project under construction.
- ❖ Provo; US-89 (300 S); 100 East to 700 East (10137): Undergoing effort to re-route fiber redundancy path so contractor can keep all devices operational during construction.
- Heber; US-40; 250 South HAWK & 100 North Ped X-ing (14105): Began 30 day burn-in.
- Lindon; US-89 @ Center St. (12839): Waiting on contractor to finish to install ATMS electronics.
- ❖ Ut. Co. Signal Interconnect (13244): Design ongoing.
- ❖ Eagle Mountain; SR-73 @ Mt. Airey Dr. (14163): 30 day burn-in complete.
- ❖ Eagle Mountain; SR-73 @ Sunset Dr. (13217): Project under construction.
- ❖ I-15 Fiber; Payson to Santaquin (14149): Put design contract on hold to evaluate project budget.



- ❖ St. George: This project is complete, except for some city and UDOT fiber coordination.
- ❖ Pine Creek Truck Climbing Lane: This project is nearly complete.
- ❖ Fiber upgrade for US-6, Helper and Price Signal Integration: Telecom work has been completed. UDOT is ready to complete the final contractor package for a procurement contract. The package is ready and meetings with Region 4 staff have been scheduled to make sure all certifications and checklists have been satisfied.
- ❖ Beaver Truck Climbing Lane: Project is under construction.
- ❖ I-15; North Beaver to Manderfield: This project is complete. Solar sites and CCTV locations to be re-located are being mitigated.
- ❖ Cedar City Fiber: Cache Valley Electric has been awarded the project.
- ❖ Beaver Shed and Fiber HUB: We have received bids from three contractors and have awarded the contract to Hidden Peak Electric.



### **ITS Standards and Specifications**

The team attended the special standards section meeting to discuss changes to the standard drawings. It was determined that design notes and general notes were to be separated on the drawing. The standards section instructed the TOC to submit the AT Series drawings without updating them to Jim Buckley's CADD Standards until standards section is ready.

Work continued on the revisions and updates for the 2017 edition by holding regular work group meetings with members of the TOC staff and Q/C team. All specifications and drawings will be examined in order to improve the ATMS construction.

The first draft of the new 16530 electrical power standard arrived for review and comment. A meeting was held to discuss 16530 and what happened to 02892, 13551 and 16525 as a result of the new specification.

Work continued to revise the Freeway Management portion of the AT Series Standard Drawings. Work continued on the ATMS Solar Powered Site Standards. General Arrangements were examined and refinements under consideration. The discussion and comment meeting will be held in May. The final flow chart for pull box lid description was completed. The flow chart was as a new Standard Drawing was rejected by the Standards Section. The Q/C team suggested that the process belongs to the Design Side and might best be presented in the ATMS Manual of Instruction. It could also be posted as a Design Aid along with the ATMS Device Acceptance Flow Chart.

#### **Procurement**

Work continued on the new RWIS instrumentation contract bid documents.

Research work continued by observing the performance of the COHU Hybrid Camera.

#### **Vendor Sales Visits**

Greg Isaccson from Hubbell Quazite Underground (U/G) enclosures visited. Greg gave a presentation that shows the many possible variations of the U/G products if the TOC wants custom design products. Hubbell is large manufacturer of Polymer Concrete Junction Boxes.



"Does 'high-rise' refer to the building or the budget?"



## **Acronyms**

**CCTV** Closed Circuit Television Department of Public Safety **EIS Emergency Information System**  ${\sf HAR}$ Highway Advisory Radio **I2TMS** Integrated Interagency Traffic Management System ITS Intelligent Transportation System LFOT Local Field Operations Test MIC Manager in Charge MOT Maintenance of Traffic **RWIS** Road-Weather Information System TAC **Technical Advisory Committee TMD** Traffic Management Division TMS **Traffic Monitoring Station** TOC **Traffic Operations Center VMS** Variable Message Sign



